



**PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
May 16, 2013**

I. CALL TO ORDER –

Clerk Mary Clark called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m.

Members Present: Clerk Mary Clark and Trustee Karen Mojica

Members Absent: Supervisor Ken Fletcher

Others Present: Township Manager Richard Watkins, Deputy Manager Jen Roberts, Lt. Jeff Campbell, Under Sheriff Jeff Cook, Sheriff Tom Reich, Fire Chief John Clark

II. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

III. SET/ADJUST AGENDA –

No adjustments to the agenda were made.

IV. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION –

1. Diversity Training/Hiring Methods & Processes within the ECSD –

Sheriff Tom Reich indicated that Captain Warder is in charge of the all of the training. The last time that diversity training was conducted was in 2009. It is not an annual training item. The Captain that conducted the training at that time is currently retired. Diversity training, as well as hiring practices are both items of focus for Sheriff Reich. Sheriff Reich would like to see the training conducted from someone outside the department rather than an internal employee. Clerk Clark inquired if diversity training was part of academy training. Sheriff Reich stated he was unaware of the current curriculum requirements of the various educational venues.

Sheriff Reich researched the last six graduating classes from Mid Michigan Policy Academy. Of the approximately 14 students in each class, one was a minority and heavily recruited for job placement. Sheriff Reich wants to hire people who want to work for Eaton County. The County's pay structure is below the pay levels of other jurisdictions within the surrounding area.

Diversity training should take place on a regularly scheduled basis, as often as annually such as is required by the military.

Areas to be addressed would include the potential of profiling, education on cultural differences to avoid possibly escalating a situation, and a strong enforcement presence where crime levels warrant such a presence.

2. Traffic Calming Measures, Lt Campbell –

Lt. Campbell provided reports to all for review, indicating the type of reports that can be generated from the speed sign that moves throughout the township. The parameters on the reports can be adjusted as needed. The sign has the capability of taking pictures when it is alerted to a speed violation, or when the sign is tampered with, but that feature is indeed not very impressive, and can't be used to issue tickets. The data it provides on speeds and vehicle counts is very helpful in deploying our traffic enforcement efforts.

3. Crime Mapping Software, Lt Campbell –

Reports are now generated based upon crime mapping locations. Lansing Police Department participates as well. Filters can be added to show geographic boundaries, beginning and ending dates, reporting departments, types of crimes, etc. Sex crimes are not included to protect the victims. There is link to this on the Sheriff Department website and you can find it at www.crimemapping.com.

4. Potential Shared County Services, Lt Campbell –

The Township just this week began servicing the vehicles within the department.

5. MABAS, Chief Clark –

Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) is part of the shared services initiative. This improves services and limits duplication. Obtaining needed resources right now requires specific requests. MABAS is a pre-planned arrangement based on best practices and dispatches mutual aid accordingly. This applies to fire only – no ambulance. This does not change reimbursements, as it falls under the mutual aid agreements already in place.

6. Blue Card, Chief Clark –

Blue Card Command refers to the uniform system of command training and vocabulary is the same and transfers, so the command from fire department to fire department is the same. The department will continue training with this system and would like expand the training if grant funding can be obtained to

support the expanded training desired. Manager Watkins would like to send one person to training to be a certified fire officer trainer as soon as possible. The class is approximately \$4,000 but the trainer can then train the staff while on duty eliminating additional education costs.

7. Metro Lansing Fire & Arson investigation Agreement, Chief Clark –

This is another leg of the shared services initiative. All departments with the exception of Delhi have their own investigation service. Training is expensive and pulling two people to do an investigation can put the department down staff. This would extend the resources to all departments that participate. The agreement has been modified to accommodate for any related court appearance expenses that may result from an investigation as well. Manager Watkins supports the agreement as modified.

CLERK CLARK MOVED THE MODIFICATIONS FOR MABAS, BLUE CARD AND THE METRO LANSING FIRE & ARSON INVESTIGATION AGREEMENT MODIFICATIONS TO THE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT GO FORWARD TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL. MOTION SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE MOJICA.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk Clark adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

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MARY R. CLARK, CLERK
Acting Chair Public Safety